

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MARCH 25, 2015
TOWN HALL
6:30 PM**

Finance Committee Members Present: David Steindler, Chairman
Colin Smith, Vice Chairman
John James
David Macy
Julie Hannum

Others Present: David A. Smith, Jr. Board of Selectmen, Chairman
Nadine A. Hawver, Board of Selectmen, Clerk
Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Alicia Dulin, Assistant to the Town Administrator
Pat Levine, Library Trustee
Frances Roth, Library Trustee
Karen Lindquist, Library Director
Jennifer Goewey, Executive Director to the COA

Chairman Steindler called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Julie Hannum stated that she was present at the February 25, 2015 meeting as a member of the public and it is not listed on the minutes. It was the consensus of the Committee to add members of the public under others present. David Macy moved to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2015 meeting as amended and the March 4, 2015 meeting as presented, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Colin Smith entered the meeting at 6:38 PM

FY 2016 BUDGET:

Library Trustees Pat Levine and Frances Roth along with Library Director Karen Lindquist were present to discuss the Library budget. Discussion ensued regarding why the amount recommended by the Town Administrator is lower than what was requested. David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Library budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$164,707, seconded by Colin Smith. The motion carried 4-1. John James was opposed.

Executive Director to the Council on Aging Jennifer Goewey was present to discuss the Council on Aging budget. Discussion ensued regarding the increase to the transportation budget for Fiscal Year 2016. David Macy moved to recommend the approval of the Council on Aging budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$75,903, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the school budget for Fiscal Year 2016. Chairman Steindler stated that he thinks it is important for the Finance Committee to vote on whether or not to support the school budget. Discussion ensued regarding sending the School Committee a letter stating that the school budget needs to be reduced. John James moved to endorse sending a letter to the School Committee regarding a reduced budget, seconded by David Macy. The motion carried unanimously. Administrator LaBombard stated that the letter would be ready for the Committee to review at the next Finance Committee meeting.

David Macy moved to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting, seconded by John James. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Steindler adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted:



Alicia Dulin
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents were reviewed at this meeting:

Draft FY16 Budget

Raise Justification for Library Employees – Distributed by Library Director

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